

REMARKS

Claims 22 and 27 have been amended. Claims 29 and 30 are allowed. Claims 22-30 remain in the application. Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the remarks to follow is requested.


The claim amendment language provided is verbatim language proposed and approved by the Examiner during the interview of August 1 and 4, 2003. Accordingly, Applicant requests a first action allowance in the next office action.

Moreover, the specification is amended to replace reference to "claim 1" with the exact language of claim 1 as provided in the originally-filed application. Accordingly, no new matter is added. The amendment language was approved by the Examiner during the interview of August 1 and 4, 2003.

This application is now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview prior to issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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